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REMARKS

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37CFR 1.83 (a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in claim 6. The claim 6 discloses a stepped fixing portion depends from an edge of the base of the locking plate to extend through an opening defined in the panel. In fact, the stepped portion has already disclosed in both the specification (line 17-19, page 4) and the drawings (714, Figs. 4 and 6) of the current application file. Thus, removal of objections under 37CFR 1.83 (a) is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-2, 4 and 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated Clements et al.. Claims 3, 5 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all features of claim 3. Claim 5 has been rewritten to the newly added claim 9 to include all limitations of claim 1. Claim 8 has been rewritten to the newly added claim 10 to include all limitations of claim 1. Thus, claims 1, 9 and 10 should be allowable. The corresponding dependent claims 2, 4 and 6-7 should also be allowable. Claims 2, 5 and 8 are canceled.

In view of the foregoing, the subject application as claimed in the pending claims is in a condition for allowance and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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